GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of fertilizers is likely to increase to meet its requirements in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the fertilizers and its quantity proposed to be imported during 2008-09 along with their quantum;

(c) the additional subsidy that would be needed on account of their imports;

(d) whether a large number of applications are pending before the Government for setting up of new fertilizers projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The assessment regarding requirement of fertilizers is made for each season i.e. Kharif and Rabi, separately depending upon the demand assessed by various State Governments based on area under crop, weather conditions etc. The quantum of imports are decided on the basis of available stocks at the start of the season, anticipated indigenous production etc.Import of Urea is canalized through State Trading agencies like STC, MMTC and TPL and the quantities are determined by Government. Adequate import of urea is being planned for the ensuing Kharif season. In respect of decontrolled fertilizers like Di- ammonium Phosphate (DAP) Mono Ammonium Phosphate (MAP) and import Muriate of Potash (MOP) the quantities being imported are decided by the various fertilizer companies dealing in imported decontrolled fertilizers based on their assessment of demand and indigenous production. There are no imports of decontrolled fertilizers on Government account. For 2008-09 Department of Fertilizers has estimated subsidy requirement of Rs. 60,649.36 crore including subsidy on imported fertilizers.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.